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Members of the Education Appropriations Subcommittee

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RE: Proposed Budget on Education

My name is Navone Owen, I'm from The Bridge Academy, a public school located in Bridgeport CT...

See, the Connecticut financial resources are funding not out of need but based on the living area of these schools, even now there are schools out there that are underfunded and lack the necessary needs that all schools should have.

When a kid, or anybody walks into a building that doesn't seem like its put together at all and looks like it lacks in enough pencils and chromebooks, the walls messed up and the roofs of the schools almost falling down, while there are dents in the school gym or even maybe can't even afford enough paper for the students the impact is deeper than we sometimes realize.

When a kid walks into a school and notices these things they won't look at this place as a school or learning environment, there is nothing more confusing than going to school and not learning anything just because that school lacks the funding to get the necessary supplies and teachers and desk and chairs that they need.

Yet, there are 6.4 billion dollars sitting somewhere and it is not being used to get the students what they need, especially the students that actually want the chance to learn and be educated in the best way they can be.

Not one dollar. Not one penny. Not one cent was added to the funding for these charter schools especially danbury charter and norwalk excellence and this has been going on for years. It needs to stop.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Navone Owen

